

91 differentiate [to] into derivatives of endoderm, mesoderm, and ectoderm tissues throughout the culture, and (iv) will not differentiate when cultured on a fibroblast feeder layer.

92 3. (Amended) A purified preparation of primate embryonic stem cells wherein the cells are negative for the SSEA-1 marker, positive for the SSEA-3 marker, positive for the SSEA-4 marker, express alkaline phosphatase activity, are pluripotent, and have [normal] karyotypes which includes the presence of all of the chromosomes characteristic of the primate species and in which none of the chromosomes are noticeably altered.

93 9. (Amended) A method of isolating a primate embryonic stem cell line, comprising the steps of:

- (a) isolating a primate blastocyst;
 - (b) isolating cells from the inner cell mass of the [blastocyte] blastocyst of (a);
 - (c) plating the inner cell mass cells on embryonic fibroblasts, wherein inner cell mass-derived cells masses are formed;
 - (d) dissociating the mass into dissociated cells;
 - (e) replating the dissociated cells on embryonic feeder cells;
 - (f) selecting colonies with compact morphologies and cells with high nucleus to cytoplasm ratios and prominent nucleoli; and
 - (g) culturing the cells of the selected colonies.
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